

May 1927. Joseph and Tommy have been the storm-centres this month (Tommy having returned to school after a long illness). During the first three weeks, Tommy showed considerable malice towards the younger children. Without frowning or appearing angry, he would push them or take their things without any provocation. E.g., he snatched away a basket which Alice was carrying with flowers in it, and the other children were very indignant at this. On several occasions he pushed children into the sand-pit. During the fourth week this happened much less often, and he became more friendly and sociable.

Joseph during the first three weeks showed increasing malice towards the younger children, never joining in their pursuits, and always seeking to have an adult exclusively to himself—clinging to one and following one about all the time. When the other children were in the garden, he begged one to go inside with him ; when they were in the schoolroom, he invited one to go out. This culminated towards the end of the third week, when on one morning he pushed two or three children down. The next morning he was very unhappy, clinging to Mrs. I. convulsively all the morning. During the fourth week, however, he became much more friendly, and less frightened and quarrelsome ; and began to join in the various games, and be less dependent on adults. A certain amount of dislike and criticism of Joseph by the older children very naturally developed, but this was never expressed in any dramatic way, nor very marked.

Joseph was sitting on a table in the cloakroom one lunch-time, swinging his legs, when Mrs. Z., who had come to take one of the other children home, asked him affably, " And do you like coming to this school ? " " Oh, yes," said Joseph. " And what do you like doing ? " " Oh, I pinch all the children/" he replied, swinging his legs more vigorously. This was liable to be only too true.

Priscilla was quite happy this term, having been accepted

back into the group by Jane and therefore by the other children. After her timidity on the first day, a happy relation was established. Jane was overheard to say in the fourth week, " I don't like Priscilla—she tries to take Dan away from me!"

Phineas often expressed dislike of the other children—very emphatically : " I *hate* Lena/" " I *hate* Joseph."

One morning, Lena had a quarrel with Dan, who pushed her down, so that she got up sandy and muddy. She came running to Mrs. I. to tell her. " I don't like Dan. He pushed me down—I hate him." All this was said with a frowning